

# KAISER TO MAKE CHRISTMAS PEACE OFFER

## FIX FARMERS INSTITUTE DATES AT MEETING IN OTTAWA TODAY

COUNTY ORGANIZATION  
WILL AGAIN HOLD  
SESSION

## SEE FOOD INCREASE OF COUNTY BOARD

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, ON AC-  
COUNT OF THE WAR, WILL  
MAKE GATHERING THIS YEAR  
A MOMENTOUS ONE.

The program committee for the La  
Salle Farmers' Institute met this at-  
tention at 2 o'clock in Consulting Ag-  
riculturalist Brooks' office in the court-  
house. This meeting was the pre-  
liminary for making general arrange-  
ments for the institute.

The institute will be held in this  
city February 12, 13, 14 and 15 and  
some of the best speakers in the  
country will be brought here at this  
time. Next year the farmers of the  
county will be called upon to increase  
their crops that they may be able to  
meet the great demand brought upon  
the nation to furnish food for the  
allies, and the farmers must study  
the best methods for fertilizing the  
soil and making the crops greater in  
every way. For this reason the in-  
stitute will interest more agricultur-  
ists and be more important in the life of  
the farmer than ever before.

Stock raising will also be a big  
factor in this year's institute, and the  
best methods of raising and of feed-  
ing cattle in the most economical way  
possible will be one of the features of  
the institute.

There will be a household science  
department in connection with the in-  
stitute, for the wives of the farmers  
in this community, and a complete  
course in domestic science will be  
given.

The committee is making plans for  
this year's meeting to be a banner  
one in every way. It is expected  
more people will be interested this  
year and the attendance will be much  
larger than in any previous year.

## FIRST NATIONAL HAS SERVICE FLAG

The First National Bank in this  
city hung a new service flag contain-  
ing four stars, in the bank window  
this morning. These stars are for the  
four employees of the bank who have  
responded to the country's call and  
have joined the service.

The four men are William Milligan  
and Raymond Thomas, who are mem-  
bers of Company C, stationed at Camp  
Logan, Texas; Elmer Anderson, who  
is stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and  
Earl Hachler, who enlisted last week  
in the aviation service and is at the  
present time stationed at Jefferson  
Park, Ark.

The bankers are mighty proud of  
their flag and of the service record  
it represents.

## LIEUT. GROVE VISITS MOTHER IN OTTAWA

Lieut. Chester Grove, of the United  
States Naval Reserve force, visited  
Wednesday and Thursday with his  
mother and sister, Mrs. Emily Grove  
and Miss Louise Grove, at their home  
in center Ottawa. Lieut. Grove went  
from Ottawa to Washington, D. C.,  
where he was called to report for  
further orders.

Lieut. Grove was before his enlist-  
ment, sales engineer with the West  
inghouse Electric Company, of Pitts-  
burgh, with headquarters in Chicago,  
and upon leaving the firm he was pre-  
sented with a leather traveling bag  
by them in appreciation of his serv-  
ices.

## CLEAR \$70 FOR SOLDIERS' BENEFIT

Miss Helen Meady, Mary O'Neil,  
Zeta Cull and Lucille Carr gave a po-  
pular program for their four schools  
at the Grand Rapids school Thursday  
evening. One of the features of the  
evening was a shadow social. Seven-  
ty dollars was cleared at this time  
which will be used for soldiers' bene-  
fits.

## ORATORY PREVAILS AT CLOSING SESSION OF COUNTY BOARD

FRANK RICHEY INQUIRES POINT-  
EDLY AS TO WHY SUITS  
AGAINST EX-OFFICE HOLDERS  
ARE NOT BEING PROSECUTED.

The supervisors concluded their De-  
cember session this morning amidst  
a wonderful outburst of oratory and  
verbose effulgence.

Frank Richey, Michael Charley and  
M. A. Brown, the latter of whom is  
chairman of that august body, partici-  
pated in the principal roles while  
the arguments ran from affairs of  
state to the more important subject,  
"What shall the bounty be on sheep  
that eat in the fields?"

Mr. Richey, chief gunner for the at-  
tacking party, fired the first shot in  
the direction of the Grange hall, Wal-  
tham, when he pointedly asked what  
was happening to the county's suit  
against the former office holders, the  
peculiarities for which the board  
paid one Sam Sims alleged discrep-  
ancy check, somewhere between \$5,000  
and \$10,000.

Mr. Richey went at some length in-  
to the qualifications of Mr. Redmond,  
the former lawyer, who was employ-  
ed six years ago to prosecute the vari-  
ous elections against the "ex-officials"  
and ended by doing the unpardonable  
thing of asking "Why the damnation  
the suits weren't brought to trial?"

He recommended that unless Red-  
mond came clean and did some work,  
that he be fired on the spot and a new  
man employed to take his place. He  
started his les majeste against the  
exalted auditing committee of yon-  
teryear by presenting a resolution  
calling for some action on the famed  
old litigation which, while having no  
intentions of assaulting the present  
county attorney, Mr. Roberts, were  
aimed to get efficient results, either  
one way or the other.

The defense of Mr. Redmond was  
handled by John Wylie, of Waltham,  
who told of the lawyer's futile efforts  
to bring the cases to trial and of how  
"hard" work had been in getting a  
hearing before the courts, as demon-  
strated by the fact that the cases had  
been thrashed out.

Mr. Roberts, in defense of himself,  
explained that he had become attach-  
ed to the board's legal department  
last September, and since that time  
had been actively engaged in trying  
to get some action in the Circuit Court  
that would bring the old suits to  
trial.

When the atmosphere was clarified  
of the smoke of battle, the resolution  
presented by Mr. Richey went thru a  
whirling and well, the cases are on  
the docket and Mr. Redmond is in  
decatur.

The bounty on sheep, to the average  
man a high powered "useless" on the  
statute books, occupied a half hour  
while the solons determined whether  
to pay claimants \$15 or \$10 for each  
sheep "killed by dogs." It was finally  
decided that \$15 was the maximum  
and that amount should be paid the  
poor farmers who lose their wool and  
mutton bearers via the vicious and  
savage canine routes.

Mr. Charley and Mr. Brown came  
into the dispute in intermittent stages,  
but on the whole the floor was pretty  
generally occupied by Mr. Richey, who  
unfortunately today was suffering a  
severe case of rheumatism, which  
partly explains why he was away  
from his well chosen path of supreme  
and uncomparable optimism this  
morning. As for oratory, he was at  
his best.

## MERCURY DROPS TO 10 BELOW DURING NIGHT

Last night was the coldest night of  
the year. The temperature was  
down to 10 below at seven o'clock in  
the evening and remained at the  
same place until after seven o'clock  
this morning.

Webster on Opinion.  
Inconsistencies of opinion, arising  
from changes of circumstances, are  
often justifiable.—Daniel Webster.

DOGS' OF WAR



—Greene in New York Telegram.

## FEDERAL OFFICER MISS LA DUE BRIDE 30 LOTS IN TRACT NABS BOOTLEGGER; OF H. R. CAMPBELL TO BE PURCHASED PAYS HEAVY FINE

ANDREW HORVATH, WHO RE-  
SIDES JUST OUTSIDE CITY LIM-  
ITS, PLACED UNDER ARREST  
FOR ILLICIT SALES OF LIQUOR.

Bootlegging with government re-  
venue inspectors on his trail proved a  
costly experience this morning to  
Andrew Horvath, who operates a  
truck garden just north of the I. &  
M. canal on Bridge street.

Horvath was dragged into Justice  
George Koenig's court and assessed a  
fine of \$500 and costs for disorderly  
conduct and at the same time made  
to purchase a government license to  
sell wines in gallon quantities or  
greater.

Horvath's arrest was made by Rev-  
enue Officer James Hardy, who has  
been on his trail for several weeks.  
Final assurance that the garden was  
violating the law came yesterday  
when the government representative  
received a tip that Horvath had sold  
a gallon of old John Barleycorn's fa-  
mous product to a stranger.

The deputy called upon the author-  
ities and asked that Horvath be  
brought before him. This was done,  
and an admission was secured that  
the suspect had sold intoxicants in vi-  
olation of both the state and federal  
laws. He pleaded guilty to a charge of  
disorderly conduct and was ordered  
to pay the judge \$500 and costs. He  
was then commanded to take out a  
government license, which he was  
pleased to do, in spite of the fact  
that the whole bill brought the  
amount of damages up to \$750.

An investigation was made of Hor-  
vath's cellar and in it the officers  
found stored away in secret recesses  
about 148 gallons of aging wine and  
a large quantity of whiskey.

## BLAME DOCTORS FOR CHICKEN JOE'S PLIGHT

Springfield, Dec. 15.—Inexperienced  
physicians conducted the postmortem  
over the bodies of Mrs. Edmund Al-  
len, wife of the former warden of Je-  
flet prison. Attorney A. B. Cowings,  
of Joliet, assisted by two Chicago  
lawyers argued in a motion for a new  
trial in the case of Chicken Joe  
Campbell made this assertion before  
the supreme court here today.  
The case was taken under advisement  
by the court.

Injuries and Insults.  
Injuries may be atoned for and for-  
given; but insults admit of no compensa-  
tion. They degrade the mind in its  
own esteem and force it to recover its  
level by revenge.—Juvenal.

DAUGHTER OF DR. AND MRS. BUR-  
DETTE LA DUE WEDS FORMER  
OTTAWA YOUNG MAN—TO RE-  
SIDE IN MONTANA.

The marriage of Miss Jennie Mae  
La Due, youngest daughter of Dr.  
and Mrs. Burdette La Due, and Harold  
Campbell, of Hobson, Mont., son of  
Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Campbell, former  
Ottawa residents was solemnized at  
the La Due home on East Main street  
at 1:30 this afternoon in the presence  
of fifty relatives of the couple.

The entire house was prettily de-  
corated with white daisies and autumn  
leaves. Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of  
Davenport, Ia., the latter a sister of  
the bride were matron of honor, and  
best man. The only other attendant  
was little Josephine Parr, daughter  
of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Parr, who acted  
as flower girl.

The bridal party entered the liv-  
ing room to the strains of the Lohen-  
grin wedding march, played by Miss  
Daisy Day of Oak Park. Rev. G. W.  
Chesman, pastor of the First Baptist  
church pronounced the ceremony, us-  
ing the ring ceremony.

Miss La Due was beautifully gow-  
ned in an ivory satin gown, and car-  
ried an arm bouquet of white daisies.  
Mrs. Miller wore a gown of white sat-  
in and also carried an arm bouquet of  
daisies. Josephine Parr wore a white  
dress, and carried daisies.

Following the ceremony a wedding  
supper was served to the guests. The  
couple will leave on an evening train  
for a short honeymoon trip, after  
which they will return to this city be-  
fore going to Hobson, Mont., to make  
their future home.

Many beautiful wedding gifts were  
received by the couple. Mrs. Camp-  
bell is a well known Ottawa musician,  
Mr. Campbell was raised in this city,  
and left here several years ago to take  
up ranching near Hobson, Mont.,  
where the couple will reside.

## STORES OPEN EVENINGS BEGINNING WEDNESDAY

At a meeting of the Business Men's  
Association it was decided to open  
the stores evenings, beginning next  
Wednesday, December 19, 1917.  
The buying public is urged to make  
their purchases as early in the week  
as possible; they will receive better  
service, better selections and escape  
the usual holiday rush.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSN.

Decolorizing Carbons.  
English experimenters have at least  
partially discovered the secret pro-  
cesses used in the manufacture of  
German and Dutch decolorizing car-  
bons for the sugar industry.

## COPENHAGEN HEARS REPORT OF PLAN

London, Dec. 15.—Germany is planning an-  
other peace offer to come direct from the Kaiser,  
according to press dispatches received this after-  
noon from Copenhagen.

## SUPERVISORS' OFFER TO SETTLE DEPUTY'S CLAIM FOR \$150.00

FRITZIE GOEBEL, ASSAULTED BY  
ESCAPED NEGRO, WILL GET  
DAMAGES IF INSURANCE COM-  
PANY FOOTS THE BILL.

Deputy Sheriff Fritz Goebel, whose  
foot was badly punished when he con-  
quered an escaped negro at the county  
jail August 27 last, and returned him  
to the cell he had freed himself from  
by the use of a saw, will get damages  
under the employer's liability act, if  
the Board of Supervisors can persuade  
his insurance company, they insure  
under, that the deputy's claim should  
be met.

This morning when the judiciary  
committee reported on the Goebel  
claim, they announced that it was  
their belief Mr. Goebel was entitled  
to some sort of compensation and rec-  
ommended that he be given an award  
of \$150, the amount fixed by the de-  
puty as suitable remuneration for his  
injuries, when he was broached with  
a proposition for settlement.

The county auditor was instructed  
to take the claim up with the insur-  
ance company, and it is not expected  
that any difficulties will be met in  
getting Mr. Goebel what is rightfully  
coming to him.

Committee Reports.

Superintendent Morrissey reports  
horses getting old at the county home  
and that they should be replaced by  
an auto ambulance for use at that  
institution. F. L. Dauber recommend-  
ed that the proposition be referred to  
the county home committee with  
power to act. A discussion followed  
as to whether or not all that power  
should be granted to one committee,  
with John Wylie leading the anti,  
and E. E. Richey and M. J. Charley  
swinging the pros into line.

M. J. Charley amended the motion  
empowering the committee to buy the  
auto ambulance. John O'Donnell,  
chairman of the committee, said they  
had no estimates on such a vehicle  
but they would buy according to their  
best judgment. The motion carried  
with Hawley casting the dissenting  
vote.

The committee to settle with the  
county superintendent of highways  
reported there was due Engineer  
Farnsworth for traveling expenses  
\$108.11, which was ordered paid him.

The roads and bridge committee re-  
ported that a committee of three  
should work with County Engineer  
Farnsworth to bring about early con-  
struction of the Sheridan bridge that  
was swept away by the flood of 1915.

The committee on finance reported  
that the county had no legal right to  
set aside certain amounts each month  
for the benefit of the Red Cross and  
furthermore there were no funds with  
which to do this work if the board  
wanted to. The request, which origi-  
nated at McLean county, accord-  
ingly, was denied.

The state aid roads committee re-  
ported that the proposed hard road  
in Madison and Rutland townships  
should be held over to the March  
term. The report was adopted.

The committee on public buildings  
recommended the digging of a new  
well at the county farm and asked  
authority to proceed with the work  
at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.

The supervisors of Peoria urged La  
Salle county to bring pressure to bear  
on State Supt. S. E. Bradt to force  
speedy work on the Ivy Way as a  
means of lending aid to the govern-  
ment during the present freight tie-  
up. A discussion followed with a  
little fireworks and the matter was re-  
ferred to the state aid roads commit-  
tee.

The county home and judiciary com-  
mittee asked for further time to in-

for recalls.

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It was reported that the  
offer would be included  
in a Christmas proclamation from the  
German emperor.

Sixty Divisions in Italy.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Sixty Aus-  
tro-German divisions are operating  
against the Italians in northern Italy,  
according to accurate figures gath-  
ered by the war minister at Rome and  
forwarded to Washington today. The  
Italian war office has data to show  
that forty-five Austrian divisions are  
on the Italian front. There are seven  
German divisions. Held in reserve be-  
hind the first lines eight more divi-  
sions, four German and four Austrian,  
ready to be thrown against the defend-  
ers whenever conditions warrant. This  
information was gathered by aviators  
and secret agents of the Italian gov-  
ernment.

Machada Exiled.

Lisbon, Dec. 15.—A proclamation  
has been issued by the revolutionary  
government in Lisbon, Portugal, or-  
dering the banishment of President  
Machada until the end of his term.  
Machada was placed in jail when the  
government formerly headed by him  
was overthrown.

Report American Held in Russia.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Reports that  
Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, who  
has been in Russia ever since the  
American railway commission was  
sent there to aid in re-organizing the  
Russian transportation system, has  
been arrested by order of Bolshevik  
leaders, reached this city today.

No confirmation was obtainable at  
either the state department or the  
Russian embassy.

The War in Brief.

Conditions in Russia again took  
precedent in all war news today with  
the Bolshevik government in Petro-  
grad, claiming that the Cossack revolu-  
tion is collapsing.

General Kaledines and General Bo-  
tosky were reported by the Bolsh-  
eviki news agency at Petrograd to  
have been arrested together with the  
members of their staff. Previously  
General Korniloff the leader of the  
revolutionists was said to have dis-  
appeared.

The Bolshevik claim the capture of  
three cities from the Cossacks in  
Southern Russia.

There was a slight burst of fighting  
in Belgium during the night, when  
the British succeeded in recapturing  
from the Germans most of the ground  
the Germans had taken during the  
day, south of Polygon wood.

## FEMALE WANDERER IS AGAIN IN THE TOILS

Mrs. Belle Wells, aged 69, a female  
wanderer, is on her way out of La  
Salle for the third time within a week  
at the request of the police. Yester-  
day La Salle officers took up a col-  
lection and paid her car fare to Sen-  
eca, where she said she could reach  
Chicago if she got that far.

A week ago the aged woman was  
picked up by a policeman when her  
conduct was unbecoming a woman of  
her age, to say the least. She was  
given car fare to Ottawa, but was  
sent back to La Salle. Again she was  
taken in tow by a minion of the law  
and sent to Streator. The police there  
gave her a return ticket and back  
she came.

She was arrested again last night  
and appeared in court today. The po-  
lice did not want to send her to the  
county jail, so they decided to try  
once more to get rid of her by giv-  
ing her money to get as far as Seneca.  
Mrs. Wells declares she was a per-  
sonal friend of General Philip Sheri-  
dan, and that her husband, who later  
deserted her, was a drummer in the  
Civil war with General Grant and  
that Grant later sent him to West  
Point.

## COUNTRY PUPILS RENDER PROGRAM

The pupils of Kenny school district  
112 gave an excellent program Friday  
evening. In connection with the pro-  
gram an exhibition of drawing and  
pennmanship was held. The sum of  
\$5.30 was taken in at this time which  
will be turned into the Army Y. M.  
C. A. fund. Miss Mary Hart is the  
teacher of this school.